

What is claimed is:

1. An order in/out processing system comprising:

order receiving means used by an order receiver to receive an order from an orderer and acquire corresponding order data;

ordering means used by said order receiver to make an order to an associate on the basis of said order data;

business plan data acquiring means used by said order receiver to acquire business plan data from said associate;

operation means used by said order receiver to calculate an expected time of departure, based on at least said order data and said business plan data; and

transmission means used by said order receiver to transmit the expected time of departure calculated by said operation means.

2. An order in/out processing system according to claim 1 wherein said business plan data acquiring means is used by said order receiver to acquire each business plan data from each associate through a wide area network WAN.

3. An order in/out processing system according to claim 1 wherein said associate is a

manufacturer, and said business plan data is a production plan data.

4. An order in/out processing system comprising:

stock data storage means used by said order receiver to store stock data of the own stock of said order receiver;

order receiving means used by said order receiver to receive an order from an orderer and acquire corresponding order data;

ordering means used by said order receiver to make an order of an unallocated portion, based on said order data and said stock data;

business plan data acquiring means used by said order receiver to acquire business plan data from an associate;

operation means used by said order receiver to calculate an expected time of departure, based on at least said order data, said stock data and said business plan data; and

transmission means used by said order receiver to transmit to said orderer the expected time of departure calculated by said operation means.

5. An order in/out processing system according to claim 4 wherein said business plan data

acquiring means is used by said order receiver to acquire each business plan data from each associate through a wide area network WAN.

6. An order in/out processing system according to claim 4 wherein said associate is a manufacturer, and said business plan data is a production plan data.

7. An order in/out processing system comprising:

order receiving means used by an order receiver to receive an order from an orderer;

ordering means for making an order to an associate an unallocated portion of said order of said orderer;

products receiving means for receiving ordered goods shipped from said associate;

temporary hold means used by said order receiver to temporarily hold ordered goods other than said unallocated portion until all goods in specific units for batch processing by said orderer are prepared; and

shipping means for shipping all ordered goods in said specific units in a batch to said orderer.

8. An order in/out processing system

according to claim 7 further comprising:

business plan data acquiring means used by said order receiver to acquire business plan data from said associate;

operation means for calculating an expected time of departure, based on at least order data of said orderer and said business plan data; and

transmission means used by said order receiver to transmit to said orderer the expected time of departure calculated by said operation means,

wherein said operation means calculates said expected time of departure, based on an expected date of delivery of a portion that will be delivered latest among ordered goods in said specific units, which still remain undelivered.

9. An order in/out processing system according to claim 8 wherein said associate is a manufacturer, and said business plan data is a production plan data.

10. An order in/out processing system according to claim 8 wherein said business plan data acquiring means is used by said order receiver to acquire each business plan data from each associate through a wide area network WAN.

11. An order in/out processing system comprising:

order receiving means used by an order receiver to receive an order from an orderer;

ordering means for making an order to an associate an unallocated portion of said order of said orderer;

products receiving means for receiving ordered goods shipped from said associate;

temporary hold means used by said order receiver to temporarily hold ordered goods by a date of delivery promised beforehand; and

shipping means for shipping said ordered goods to said orderer on said date of delivery promised beforehand.

12. An order in/out processing system comprising:

a database for storing supply capacity data of a plurality of associates that supply parts to an order receiver for each of items of said parts;

order receiving means used by said order receiver to receive an order from an orderer;

specific item judging means for judging whether or not ordered parts of the order received by said order receiving means is of any specific item with a very high possibility of being delivered on an

appointed date, taking account of said database;

ordering means for making a special order of said ordered parts that are judged to be of a specific item by said specific item judging means to a specific manufacturer dealing with said specific item.

13. An order in/out processing system according to claim 12 wherein said associate is a manufacturer, and said supply capacity data is a data indicating at least whether or not respective parts are of specific items that will be delivered on appointed dates with a very high possibility, taking account of the production capacity of said associate regarding said parts.